(d) what action University Grants Commission propose to take on such cniversities and cofilleges where the standards are diluted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION & CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The UGC has initiated monitoring and evaluation of the p rformance of Central Universities. This monitoring and evaluation would inlude the monitoring of research theses also. A similar exercise could be udertaken in respect of State Universities also in due course.

(b) It is difficult to establish that the policy of promotion and pay scales has led to a deterioration of the standard of research degrees. The Mehrotra Committee which recommended the pay scales of teachers expressed the view that the expectations of improvement in standard through the recruitment of teachers with research degrees have failed to materialise fully. This was because the facilities for research degree were inadequate, wide disparrities were discernible in M.Phil/Ph.D. programmes in terms of content and quality and in many cases the research qualifications were not insisted upon at the time of recruitment.

(c) and (d) Following the deciion to revise the scales of pay of teachers on the recommendations of the Mehrotra Committee, the UGC has been advised to review the facilities available for M.Phil|Ph.D. in each discipline and grant appropriate relaxation either permanently or for specified periods from the requirements of possession of research degree for pro motion. The UGC also proposes to continue its endeavour for maintenance of standards through programmes like strengthening of infrastructure selective support to departments and centres, award of fellowships through National tests, etc.

Legal steps to check foreigners suffring from AIDS

2009. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE bes pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some countries have taken legal steps to control and check persons suffering from AIDS; and

(b) if so, whether Government also propose to introduce legal measures in this regard including AIDS test for foreign visitors and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes, Details are under discussion with concerned authorities. How-

ever, the Government of India has already streamlined the screening procedures for HIV. Foreigners (other than those working in Missions) likely to stay in India for more than one year will be required to undergo AIDS test on arrival. Any new foreign student being admitted in any Indian Educational Institutions will be subjected to AIDS test and admission will only be confirmed after the results has been found satisfactory. However, foreign students who are already in India when admission is sought will not be required to undergo AIDS test.

Medical facilities in Delhi to the migrated persons from Punjab

2010. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any medical facilities are being provided to the persons who have migrated from border districts of Punjab and are staying in difierent camps in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) According to the information received from the Delhi Administration, medical facilities are being provided to the persons who have migrated from border districts of Punjab and are staying in different camps in Delhi. There are at present six camps in Delhi accommodating the families migrated from Punjab. In the Pira Garhi Camp, a regular dispensary has been set up to look after the medical needs of the migrant families. The residents of the Gobindpuri and Mangolpuri and Youth hostel Camps are looked after by doctors from nearby dispensaries/ hospitals. The inmates of the Palika Hostel Camp and Jawalapuri Camp are provided on the spot medical facilities by mobile dispensaries. In addition the migrants have been advised to approach nearby hospitals in case it is necessary.

Medical Universities in the States

2011. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up exclusive Medical Universities in the States in near future in addition to existing ones;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The Government of India have accepted in principle the recommendations of the Medical Education Review Committee that the Central and State Governments should establish Universities of Health Sciences. The Andhra Pradesh Government have already established an University of Health Sciences. Tamil Nadu Government have also passed a legislation for establishment of a Medical University in that States and the Bill has been forwarded to the Central Government for assent of the President. There is no proposal at present for establishment of University of Health Sciences by the Central Government.